

# Dorchester Neighborhood Exploration

## GOALS:

1. Deepen the members' understanding of the historical, political and social forces that have shaped Boston
2. Acquaint members with neighborhoods in the City of Boston.
3. Expand members' thinking about what they don't know about Boston, and excite them about learning more this summer
4. Create an opportunity for members to share their knowledge about the city

Your team will begin by taking # \_\_\_ bus from Back Bay Station to your community destinations.

- ❑ Edward Everett Square: located at the intersection of Mass Ave, Columbia Road and Boston St. ( near Store 24, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Dunkin Donuts)
- ❑ Lemuel Clapp House: located on Boston St. Walk pass Dunkin Donuts about 100 yards then cross the street to the Clapp House
- ❑ Blake House: Located on Columbia Road. Walk back to Edward Everett Sq then take a left on Columbia Road and walk straight until you get to a set of streetlights. Cross the street to the Blake House.
- ❑ St. Margaret Church: Located at the intersection of Dorchester Ave. and Columbia Road. Walk up Columbia Road in the direction of the JFK train station. At the intersection of Dorchester Ave and Columbia Road cross the street.

After the team has visited the above locations you will then need to get on the Redline at JFK and take the train outbound towards Ashmont to the Fields Corner stop. Once you arrive at the station, you then need to walk up Geneva Ave. until you get to Bowdoin St. Take a left on Bowdoin and walk to you next destination.

- ❑ The First Settlement House: located on Bowdoin St. before you get to the health center
- ❑ St. Peter's Church: located at the intersection of Bowdon St. and Quincy St. After leaving the Settlement House just walk straight down Bowdon St.

- ❑ The First Parish Church: located right across from the small park on Adam St. about 50 ft away from St. Peter's Church
- ❑ The Mather's Elementary School: Located right next to the First Parish Church

After the team has visited the above destination, walk down Bowdoin St. and Hancock St. to your next stop.

- ❑ Why is the monument at that intersection important to the area?
- ❑ Strand Theatre: Located on Columbia Road. Walk down Hancock St. and it will take you to the Strand.
- ❑ Why is this area named Uphams Corners?

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS:**

1. What is its historical significance to the Boston and the Dorchester community?
2. How long has this landmark been around?
3. Describe any special meanings that most people won't know about this destination.
4. Who lives in this community? What is the ethnic culture here?
5. What languages are spoken in this area?
6. What are some major social issues that impact this community?
7. What's the general physical condition of this area? clean, dirty, etc.?
8. Does anything stand out about this area that you will remember the most?
9. Would you live in this area if you had a choice?
10. What was your overall impression of this community?
11. Where is the boundary line for this neighborhood located?
12. Who are the City Councilor Reps. for this area?